

**ELK TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 16, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sammons at 7:05PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read.
The Salute to the Flag was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Mr. Hollywood, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Poisker, Mr. Rambo, Mayor Sammons, Mr. Considine, CFO, Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk and Mr. Bitgood, Engineer.

Approval of minutes of March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting and Closed Session
Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Poisker to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, all were in favor motion carried.

PUBLIC PORTION on Agenda Items only.
Motion by Mr. Hollywood to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.
Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions on agenda items to speak at this time.
No one spoke.
Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

ORDINANCE:
O – 4 – 2021 – Authorizing the Acceptance of a Deed of Dedication and Right of Way Respecting Real Property Designated as Lot 11, in Block 30 on the Office Tax Map of the Township of Elk More Commonly Known as 780 Jacob Harris Lane – **TITLE ONLY**
Motion by Mr. Hollywood to approve Ordinance O-4-2021, seconded by Mr. Rambo, upon roll call motion carried.

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| Roll Call: | Mr. Hollywood | Yes |
| | Mrs. Nicholson | Yes |
| | Mr. Poisker | Yes |
| | Mr. Rambo | Yes |
| | Mayor Sammons | Yes |

RESOLUTION:
R-49-2021 – Appointing Official Tow Companies in Accordance with Chapter 95 of The Code of the Township of Elk
Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

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| Roll Call: | Mr. Hollywood | Yes |
| | Mrs. Nicholson | Yes |
| | Mr. Poisker | Yes |
| | Mr. Rambo | Yes |
| | Mayor Sammons | Yes |

Approval of Raffle License – Ferrell Volunteer Fire Company – May 3, 2021
Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Poisker to approve Raffle License for Ferrell Fire Company, all were in favor, motion carried.

TOPIC:

Governor Murphy signed into law 3 separate bills which legalize the possession and use of marijuana by adults over the age of 21, as well as regulate the enforcement and purchase/sale of recreational marijuana. William Caruso, Esq., of Archer and Greiner was asked by the Mayor to call in and give some guidance to committee on the new bills.

Mr. Caruso explained the rules on this are not yet known. Parental notification has been taken away from the police, however, there is currently a bill in review to change that.

Mr. Caruso stated that not allowing any type of operation, growing, processing or selling, does not prohibit the use in the township. Some things for committee to consider are, do you want it? where do you want it? and what tax rate do you want to charge?

There is a cap on the number of licensed growers that will be allowed in NJ at 36, currently there are 12. It was asked if there is any interference at the Federal level? Currently, yes, it is illegal on the Federal level.

The laws will also be changing on the testing of employees also.

If committee is considering they should think about where in the township this will be allowed.

Mr. Caruso is available if anyone has any questions moving forward.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, James Schmidt was not able to call in to the meeting. If there are any issues or questions for the County to please contact him.

PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION R-26-2020

THERE IS A TIME LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER PERSON DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Hollywood, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions or comments or an issue they would like to bring to the township committees attention to speak at this time.

No one spoke at this time.

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to Pay the Bills, seconded by Mr. Rambo, upon roll call motion was carried.

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| Roll Call: | Mr. Hollywood | Yes |
| | Mrs. Nicholson | Yes |
| | Mr. Poisker | Yes |
| | Mr. Rambo | Yes |
| | Mayor Sammons | Yes |

Mr. Poisker received a call from a resident and would like committee to consider making the tennis courts into a pickle ball court. Mr. Hollywood will look at some other pickle ball courts in the county and report back to committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Rambo to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk